

CITY ITEMS.

NEWSY NOTES GATHERED BY THE "TIMES" REPORTERS.

The Night Before Christmas—Funeral of an Estimable Lady—A Christmas Carnival at the Play Houses—Illness of a Venerable Citizen—Acquittal of Perjury—Dust to Dust—Knights of Honor—A Time-Suggestion, &c., &c.

DUST TO DUST.

Funeral of Miss Mollie C. Kelley.
The funeral of Miss Mollie C. Kelley took place yesterday evening at 8:30 o'clock from Park-Place Methodist church.

The services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Martin, pastor of Union-Station Methodist church, assisted by Rev. William E. Evans, of Park-Place, and Rev. J. C. Reed, of Trinity. The deceased was long a resident of Church Hill, and was a consistent member of Union-Station church. Mr. Martin, in his discourse, was fully eulogistic of the faithful and patient life just ended, and dwelt upon her fidelity to her church while strength lasted and her uncomplaining fortitude under deep affliction. Among the mourners was Mr. P. N. Kelly, now of Danville. The interment was at Hollywood, and among those who bore the body to its last resting place were Messrs. James H. Peay, T. Wiley Davis, and Robert E. Richardson. By special request, there were no flowers.

Salvage Corps.

Chief Engineer Fuqua has made arrangements to use the new fuel wagon for salvage purposes to-day. The wagon will be kept hooked up and harnessed, ready to respond the instant an alarm is turned in. It will be stationed immediately opposite headquarters, and will be provided with fire-extinguishers, tarpaulins, ladders, and other necessary paraphernalia. It will be under the direction of the chief.

Richmond is the only city of its size in the country that does not have a permanent salvage corps. Such a service would be the means of saving many thousands of dollars' worth of property, and would be of incalculable benefit to the insurance companies.

Speaking of insurance companies, it does not seem fair that as they receive nine-tenths of the benefit of the fire department, that they should contribute nothing towards its support. It is not so in other cities, and this is certainly a subject that is worthy of much thought by those interested.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Zozo" at the Theatre.

The Theatre was crowded last night to welcome Miss Blanche Curtis as *Zozo*, the *Magic Queen*. There were very few ladies, possibly because it was a very inclement night, and partly because Christmas Eve has never been a ladies' night in Richmond, and partly because the play had been said to be for males only. Why this should be it is hard to say. There was nothing said or seen last night any worse or as bad as has been seen and heard on the same stage by hundreds of Richmond ladies. The scenery is beautiful, and the show, as a whole, is a very excellent spectacular extravaganza. Miss Curtis is good, and the great George Adams and Giguere, the boy warbler, were immense. The play will be repeated to-day and, no doubt, to packed houses.

A Christmas Carnival at the Academy.

To-day at the matinee "Frix" will be presented, with Miss Lottie Church as *Frix*, the wild flower of the Prairie, and Mr. Snader, in a role well suited to him. Every member of the company has a good part, and the play is full of interest. At night the great play "Unknown" will be the attraction. It is hoped that the Academy will be filled on each occasion. Next week "Bessie Gray" with the National Ideal Opera Company will appear in a week of choice opera.

The Boston Ideals.

Commencing Monday night the Boston Ideals will fill a week's engagement. Many reserved seats have already been sold, and the prospects are for a season of delightful music. The opening opera will be the "Elixir of Love," new in English in this country.

Knights of Honor.

At the last meeting of Virginia Lodge, Knights of Honor, at Concordia Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: A. H. Kaufman, dictator; D. Witte, vice-dictator; E. Boehme, assistant dictator; M. J. Rosendorf, past dictator; William Zwanziger, reporter; B. Insvenstein, financial reporter; S. Binswanger, treasurer; H. G. Miller, chaplain; A. Simon, guide; Chas. H. Schmitt, guardian; Philip Bear, sentinel; H. G. Miller, Cris Unkel, and J. W. Gilham, trustees.

This lodge meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

The Salvation Services.

Captain Colburn and wife arrived Friday, and officiated at the Salvation services at the old Laboratory on South Cherry street. Next Wednesday Major Inman and Adjutant Bryant and his bride will be here. Adjutant Bryant was one of the first of the Army to come to Richmond. Since his last visit he has married one of the lady soldiers. Major Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will for the present conduct the meetings, which promise to lose none of their interest. Captain (Mrs.) Glover and Lieutenant Bruff are still in Washington awaiting orders.

Remember the Orphans.

The annual dinner for the Male Orphan Asylum will be given Wednesday, December 29th. Boxes have been placed at the Times office and at other places for moneyed contributions, and it is hoped that the fund collected will be a large one. Contributions of any kind will be received by Thomas J. Todd, R. P. Richardson, Wingo, Ellett & Crump, Judson Cunningham, and money can be dropped into the boxes at the offices of the *State*, *Dispatch*, and *Whip*. This has been a hard year for the asylums, and it is hoped that all of its friends and the public will kindly remember the orphans.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the production of a cantata at Seventh-street Christian church. The representation will take place New Year's eve night. It will be under the direction of Mr. Isaac N. Jones. There will be a number of fresh and lovely voices, and a most enjoyable entertainment is expected.



Mlle de Lussan.

Above is a portrait of Mlle de Lussan, prima donna of the Boston Ideals, who will be at the Richmond Theatre next week (that of December 27th). "Nym Crinkle," the noted critic of New York, saw Mlle de Lussan at the recent Worcester, Mass., festival, and thus dilates: "The delightful surprise created by Mlle de Lussan's singing of the cavatina from 'Linda' ('O luce de quest'anima') ought to furnish a valuable suggestion to the directors of the association. This young singer who dropped into the middle of the entertainment like a bobolink into the synod of doctors, brought with her the irresistible double charm of youth and trained ability to do what she was given to do with all the requisites of technical skill and personal attraction. For the few moments that she stood before the immense assemblage she was 'Linda,' and the audience for the first time during the festival felt the spell of an artist who threw into the music all the coquetry, all the spontaneity, and all the illusion of an operatic vocalist. Such is the magic of a fresh individuality and perfect identity with the spirit of the song that in an instant the listeners lost sight of Mechanics hall and the formal platoon of musicians, and heard the music echoing in the vales of Chamonix. Mlle de Lussan does not, however, depend altogether upon a French method of expression, and a dramatic style for her effects. She is one of the best trained vocalists of our younger aspirants. Her intonation, her phrasing, and her attack are evidences of this. No one, with the single exception of Adelina Patti, can strike and stop a note with such instrumental precision. It is not that her soprano voice is of marvelous range or flexibility. The charm lies in her absolute command of her instrument, and the French art of never appearing to pay the slightest attention to it."

Serious Illness of an Aged, Honorable and Useful Citizen.

Our venerable and esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. William S. Donnan, is quite ill at his residence, No. 302 North Twelfth street. Mr. Donnan is in his seventy-fourth year, and for a man of his age has been remarkably active. He attended service at Rev. Kerr's church last Sunday. For some years he has been suffering from a liver complaint, and last Wednesday he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and is in a very critical condition. Mr. Donnan came from Scotland to Petersburg when a mere child. In 1840 he removed to Richmond, and was, until a few years since, the head of one of the largest hardware houses in the South. While not actively engaged in business his interest in the house never ceased, and he has been a frequent visitor to the store.

Mr. Donnan is one of the oldest members of the First Presbyterian church. He has always been noted for the correctness of his walk, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

Manchester Matters.

All the public offices in this city will be closed to-day, and the day will be a general holiday. Service appropriate to the occasion will be conducted at the Meade Memorial church.

Rev. Thomas Needham is spending the Christmas holidays with Richmond friends. He will conduct a special evangelistic service in the Manchester Presbyterian church to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association.

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Christmas Decorations.

The best place to secure your floral hats, etc., is at John Laird's new floral store, 823 East Main street.

BREVITIES.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS, MINOR MENTION, AND LOCAL LACONICS.

The News of the Day Boiled Down and Served Up in Condensed Shape—About Folks You Know, and Interesting Items Happily and Hastily Hit.

Rev. Dr. Hoge has returned from Baltimore.

General J. D. Imboden was at the Capitol yesterday.

Mr. Howard Bayne, of New York, formerly of Richmond, is in the city.

Dr. Claude Elsom has left the city on a visit for the holidays to Goochland county.

The cold-wave flag was hoisted yesterday morning; so look out for cold weather.

Thomas N. Faris, deputy treasurer of Albemarle, was at the Auditor's office yesterday.

The prisoners at the city jail will be fed with turkey and chicken to-day by order of City Sergeant Smith.

Each policeman on the force was presented with a turkey yesterday by the Board of Police Commissioners.

There will be no steamer from West Point to Baltimore over the York River line Christmas day or New Year's day.

Professor R. H. Dabney, of the Indiana State University, is spending his Christmas time with friends in this city.

Master Harry H. Roberts, of Norfolk, is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Charles E. Roper, West Cary street.

Colonel Joseph H. Shepherd, of the State Auditor's office, has gone to his home in Clark county to spend the Christmas holidays.

The friends of Captain H. W. Lubbock and Mr. George A. Crump have tendered them a complimentary benefit, to be given at an early day.

The Christmas Festival at the North Fourth-street chapel was a pleasant affair, and the hearts of many children were made glad.

Among the marriage licenses issued in Washington yesterday was one to Lawrence L. Cornell and Florence Ford, both of Richmond, Va.

Messrs. Hampden C. Bagby and Thomas L. Dabney have returned from the University of Virginia for the holidays, and are at Mrs. George W. Bagby's.

Miss Blanch Lipscomb, of King William county, a pupil of Leigh-street school, returned home yesterday to spend her holiday, and was accompanied by Miss Jennie Gunn, of Church Hill.

The city editor returns his thanks to his young friends of the Boys' Orphan Asylum for a Christmas gift in the form of a box of fragrant cigars—a striking example of their skill and industry. It wishes them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Serious Charge Against the Police Disproved.

Grandison Taylor (colored) was before the Police Court yesterday morning, charged with perjury.

On Monday last Taylor, who was in the Union army during the late war, drew his pension, which amounted to \$121. Out of this money he paid E. P. Murphy a bill of \$62, and other parties to the extent of about \$20.

About 5 o'clock on the same afternoon he was arrested by Policeman Joyner for being drunk and unable to take care of himself. He was carried to the Second station-house and, contrary to the general rule, was locked up in a cell without being searched. A short time afterwards Hastings, the janitor, came to the officer in charge of the station and told him that Taylor was exhibiting money through the wicket of his cell. The sergeant, with the assistance of the janitor and a policeman, succeeded in getting the money away from him. It was a five dollar bill. He was carefully searched and no other money was found on his person. When Taylor became sober he was bailed, and his money, with the exception of the magistrate's fee of fifty cents, was returned to him.

On Thursday Taylor came into the Second station-house and said that he had been robbed of between \$35 and \$40 in the station-house. He swore before Squire Watts that this statement was true, whereupon a warrant for perjury was issued for his arrest.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Taylor was defended by Edgar Allan, Esq. After the evidence was heard Mr. Allan said that he was perfectly satisfied that Taylor had been robbed of about \$30, but that he was equally sure that the police were in no manner concerned in it. Taylor was acquitted. The Police Justice being of the opinion that Taylor was under the impression that he was making a true statement.

A Timely Suggestion.

The Governor yesterday mailed the following letter:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, VA., December 24, 1886.

Mr. C. R. Pringle, President Southern Forestry Congress, Sandersville, Ga.:

My Dear Sir,—I have the honor to state that, in accordance with the wishes of the Executive Committee of the Southern Forestry Congress, asking me to name some prominent man, a native of this State, either living or dead, to whose memory the next Forestry Congress may plant a tree in the national circle, I have the honor to send you the name of George Washington.

With great respect, your obedient servant,
FREDERICK LEE.

It is hoped no sacrilegious cuss will rise up and say "chestnut."

Assignment of a Clothing House.

Noah Greenwald and William B. Greenwald, doing business under the firm name of N. Greenwald & Son, clothing, No. 1415 Main street, and also in Danville, Va., yesterday made a deed assigning their stock of goods and fixtures to Edmund Waddill, Jr., trustee, for the benefit of their creditors. The preferred creditors are: Hugo Hohenstein, of New York, \$3,358.88; H. L. Diamond, of New York, \$2,500. The Northern creditors are named in the second-class, whose claims amount to \$8,077. The liabilities of this firm are estimated at \$14,000. Assets not stated.

A dense fog prevailed yesterday morning and there was a collision of ferry boats on the river at New York. No serious damage was done. One man had his legs cut off and will die.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Presbyterian.

First (Madison and Grace streets)—Rev. R. P. Kerr, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.; Friday, 8:15 P.M.

Second (Fifth, between Main and Franklin streets)—Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.; Old Market, 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

Third (Broad and Twenty-sixth streets)—Rev. Dr. R. H. Howison, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Fourth (West Third street)—Rev. J. C. Schwartz, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

Episcopal.

Monumental (Broad, between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets)—Rev. Dr. J. B. Newton, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

St. James' (Marshall and Fifth streets)—Rev. Dr. J. Peterkin, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

St. Paul's (Grace and Ninth streets)—Rev. Dr. Charles Munterode, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; mission, 3:30 P.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 12 M.

Grace (Main and Foushee)—Rev. H. M. Jackson, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

MOORE MEMORIAL (Laurel street near Main)—Rev. Dr. D. F. Spragg, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11:15 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

St. Mark's (First and Clay streets)—Rev. Dr. T. G. Dashiell, pastor. Services—Sunday, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

St. Andrew's (Laurel and Beverly streets)—Rev. Pike Porter, pastor. Services—Sunday, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

St. John's (Broad and Twenty-fifth streets)—Rev. L. W. Burton, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Clivity Mission, Nineteenth and Main, 3:30 P.M.; Memorial, Fulton, 3:30 P.M.; Good Shepherd, 4 P.M.; Bible class, Monday 8 P.M.; lecture, Wednesday 8 P.M.

CHRIST (Venable and Scott streets)—Rev. J. B. Fumston, pastor. Services—Sunday, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; chapel, Chelsea Hill, 3:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

Baptist.

First (Broad and Twelfth streets)—Rev. Dr. George Cooper, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Second (Main and Sixth streets)—Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Grace Street (Grace and Foushee streets)—Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 8 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

PINE STREET (Pine and Albemarle streets)—Rev. J. B. Hutson, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

CLAY STREET (Clay and Graham streets)—Rev. S. C. CLOPTER, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.; Saturday, 7:30 P.M.

LEIGH STREET (Leigh and Twenty-fifth streets)—Rev. S. A. Goodwin, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; VENABLE STREET (No. 1716 Venable street)—Rev. R. H. Pitt, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.; Friday, 7:30 P.M.

FULTON (Nicholson street)—Rev. J. H. Barnes, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Thursday, 7:30 P.M.; every first Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

WEST MAIN STREET (Main and Beach streets)—Rev. W. J. Shipman, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Methodist.

BROAD STREET (Broad and Tenth streets)—Rev. S. S. Lambeth, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.; Friday, 7:30 P.M.

CENTENARY (Grace, near Fifth street)—Rev. Dr. W. E. Edwards and George W. Wray, pastors. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

CLAY STREET (Clay and Adams streets)—Rev. J. H. Riddick, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

PARK PLACE (Franklin and Pine streets)—Rev. W. E. Evans, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

LAUREL STREET (Laurel and Albemarle streets)—Rev. W. P. Wright, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Union Station (Twenty-Fourth and Nisbets)—Rev. J. C. Martin, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

THIRTY (Broad and Twentieth streets)—Rev. J. C. Barton, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.; Friday, 7:30 P.M.

DENNY STREET—Rev. J. A. Jefferson, pastor. Services—Sunday, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Christian.

SEVENTH STREET (Grace and Seventh streets)—Rev. R. C. Cave, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

MARSHALL STREET (Marshall, near Hancock street)—Rev. L. A. Cotto, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

TWENTY-FIFTH STREET (Twenty-fifth and M streets)—Rev. H. C. Garrison, pastor. Services—Sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Mission land, Friday, 4 P.M.; Ladies' Society, Wednesday, 3:30 P.M.

Lutheran.

FIRST ENGLISH (Seventh and Grace streets)—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9:30 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Luther Union, Tuesday, 8 P.M.; Wednesday, 8 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S GERMAN (Eighth and Marshall streets)—Rev. P. L. Menzel, pastor. Services—Sunday-school, 9 A.M.; sermon, 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.

PELLEHEIM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (Sixth and Clay)—Rev. E. J. Gehsblocher, pastor. Services—Sunday 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.; Wednesday 8 P.M.

KENESETH ISRAEL (Mayo street)—Rev. Dr. Louis Harfield, rabbi. Services—Friday, 4:30 P.M.; Saturday, 9 A.M.

BETH ABRAHAM (Eleventh street)—Services—Friday, 5 P.M.; Saturday, 10 A.M.

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wasn't it curious that the scheming of the Brysons to keep him from again meeting Honor had brought about the very thing they had tried to prevent? And isn't it always so? Behind Sir Edward came Mr. Redmond, who, after greeting everybody, said something to Aunt Margaret which seemed to make her face radiant and caused her to tell the story of her happiest moment with her eyes only. She it was, not Honor, who had been the cause of his visits there, and in the fewest words possible on that Christmas night he made this plain to her; and later, when addressing a few words of good will and good wishes to all before the curious company rose from the table, he said this was one of the happiest moments of his life.

But just after he and Sir Edward had become one of the company, Mr. Williams, the poor lodger, was seen making his way toward the door holding his handkerchief up to his face. He was telling Sally to excuse him to her mistress, as a sudden attack of neuralgia obliged him to leave rather abruptly. When Sir Edward dashed caught sight of him, and called out: "Elston! Is it? Why, Elston, old fellow, where on earth have you sprung from?" The poor lodger moved on toward the door, making no answer. Sir Edward sprang after him, and with his arm around his neck, school boy fashion, went with him into the hall. When they both returned Sir Edward introduced the poor lodger as the best friend he ever had, and one of the best scholars of his own university. The little company was greatly astonished to learn that he wasn't Mr. Williams at all, but Mr. Elston; but they were still more astonished some weeks later when they learned that he and Grace Fairlie were married—they became engaged that very night, and were married as soon as he was established as a lawyer. So his story, and was not told, but told itself.

The little tailor and his wife are as happy as they could desire. Mrs. Parnell is better off now, and with Lady Dunsart for her friend, more "genteel" and exclusive than ever. When any one refers to that memorable Christmas night she says there is an advantage to be derived from an occasional mixture of classes. James Brooks, the old soldier, is in receipt of a pension, which finds its way to him, he imagines, from France, and is a frequent visitor at the hall, where Sir Edward and Lady Dunsart are always glad to welcome him, and to the Rectory, a mile away, where Mr. Redmond and Aunt Margaret are host and hostess. There is a pretty cottage in the village, of which Johnnie's mother is the mistress. There old Nannie's last days were spent in comfort. Johnnie became a sailor lad; but after some years of seafaring, came home and "settled down" in the village with his mother. Poor little Annie. Not all the love and care of her kind friends could keep her long with them. The tired little spirit fled early from a world which it found too cruel to linger in.

M. NEWMAN.

A Legend of the Flight Into Egypt.

"Arise, and take the child and his mother into Egypt," and they fled through the solemn darkness of the night.

The next day they came upon a man sowing corn. Some mysterious influence attracted him to the travelers. From the countenance of the mother, or from the earnest eyes of the child she bore in her arms, a softening gleam of grace descended into his heart. He was very kind to them, and permitted them to cross his field, and the young mother, folding her babe yet more closely to her heart, leaned forward, explaining to him that they were pursued by enemies, "And if they come this way," said the sweet, love voice, "and ask if you have seen us,"

"I shall say you did not pass this way," was the eager interruption.

"Nay," said the blessed mother, "you must speak only the truth. Say: 'They passed me while I was sowing this corn.'"

And the travelers pursued their journey. The next morning the sower was amazed to find that his corn had sprung up and ripened at the night. While he was gazing at it in astonishment, Herod's officers rode up and questioned him.

"Yes, I saw the people of whom you speak," said he. "They passed while I was sowing this corn."

Then the officers moved on, feeling sure that the persons seen by the sower were not the Holy family, for such fine ripe corn must have been sown months before.

RUTH O'CONNOR.

About this time the newspapers teem with advice to husbands—how to treat wives, what to buy for them, and to be sure to buy something. Immediately following mandatory articles of this kind come suggestions to wives to make home pleasant for husbands during the days of good cheer. So much is done for infants that a little gentle reminder to the big married children may not come amiss; but is the editorial mind a safe one to go to for hints on how to maintain conjugal felicity? Marry! I know not, forsooth! as Shakespeare's people say when they are nonplussed. Every one must work out the problem for himself.

Its Usefulness Ended.

"Bill," said a country editor to his combined foreman, compositor, office boy and reporter; "Bill, take down that piece on the standing gallery which begins, 'Last night a scene of brilliant gaiety.' We want use it any more."